

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AND THE STATE HIGHWAY AND
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO MAKE THE INTERSTATE 40-COORS
BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT A PRIORITY.

WHEREAS, the interstate 40-Coors boulevard interchange improvement
project was scheduled to begin immediately after the interstate 40-Carlisle project, but
was delayed by the reconstruction project known as the "Big I" project; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, there has been extensive residential and
commercial development west of the Rio Grande, including the development and
projected development of large retail stores that draw or will draw heavy vehicular
traffic; and

WHEREAS, drivers traveling west on interstate 40 to northbound Coors
boulevard who wish to exit Coors boulevard into a retail outlet face a difficult task as
they try to cross several lanes of traffic; and

WHEREAS, Coors boulevard is the only north-south arterial that crosses
Bernalillo county on the west side of the Rio Grande and provides the only convenient,
efficient route for residents and visitors to travel to and from work, shopping and
business and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, work on the interstate 40-Coors boulevard interchange has been
delayed until later this decade;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state highway commission and the state highway
and transportation department be requested to expedite the construction of the

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interstate 40-Coors boulevard interchange improvement project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the state highway commission and the secretary of highway and transportation.

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